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Barnard Elementary School 430 Decatur Street, N.W. New School Construction

Background:

Barnard elementary school is a 67,000 square foot school constructed in 1928 with a 1962 addition. The school capacity is 600 students with a current enrollment of about 400. The school was identified and approved for modernization in early 1999. In late 1999 DCPS completed city-wide Educational Specifications for new and fully modernized schools.

In 2000 a site-specific educational specification and feasibility study was completed for Barnard. This study recommended replacement of the school and was approved in the fall of 2000.

The new school is programmed at 72,500 square feet with a student capacity of 520. Demolition of the existing building to occur after students and staff are relocated into the new school.

Status:

This new school is complete except for minor punchlist. The designer is Michael Baker and Associates. The construction contract was awarded 22 June to Sigal Corporation of Washington D.C. Groundbreaking ceremony held 26 July 2001. Occupancy was obtained in January 2003. Demolition of old building and site work remaining. Demolition to start upon receipt of Raze Permit and will take about 60 days. Site work to be finished after Demolition. All work should be finished by December 2003.

